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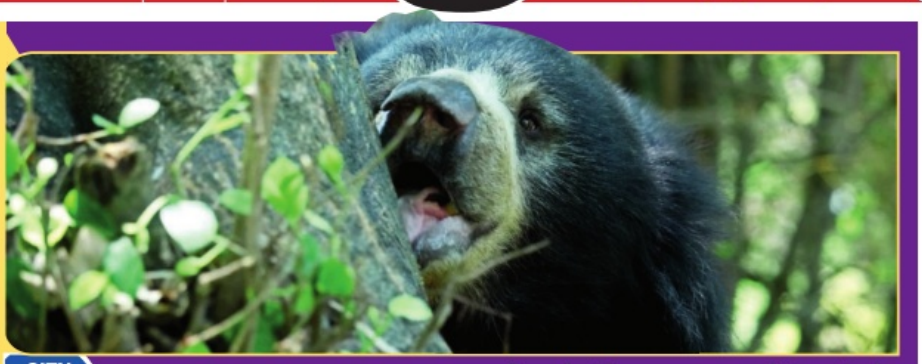

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Grin & bear it

Dancing bears rescued, treated for dental issues caused by years of mistreatment

No cheers

Hoteliers request authorities to think of cutting down number of dry days at start of June

CITY PAGE 7

Team behind converting space under flyovers in city into beautiful part of public commons speaks about elements that make these areas accessible, easily maintainable and sustainable

THE FLYOVER TRANSFORMERS

After success of work at Richmond Circle, 4 more flyovers chosen

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After the spectacular transformation of the Richmond Circle Flyover, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) plans to take up Karnataka-themed upgrade work on four more flyovers. The project will make use of corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds.

As per the plan, Domlur, Nayandahalli (Mysore Road), KR Puram and Rajajinagar flyovers are next in line.

"We are executing these works by securing CSR funds and the work has been tasked to The Ugly Indian," said a senior BBMP official.

The Domlur Flyover (the section on Old Airport Road) will be based on the theme of Space and Prof UR Rao, India's Satellite Man, KR Puram flyover will be based on the theme of Krishna Raja Wodeyar and his contributions, Mysore Road/Nayandahalli Flyover will be based on the theme of Sir M Visvesvaraya, and the Rajajinagar flyover theme has not been finalised yet.

Richmond Circle Flyover (the sections on KH Road, Mission Road and Lalbagh Road) have been completed and are based on the

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> **"We noticed that when the spaces under the flyover are covered with grills, people are walking on the roads. We decided to keep them accessible for people and provide small footpaths**
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> — Arun Pai of India Rising Trust

Axe 30,000 trees or think of plan B?

Citizens plan to approach authorities with concerns at indiscriminate loss of green cover for suburban rail project

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A group of concerned citizens has united to defend nearly 33,000 trees identified for removal to give way to the four corridors of Bengaluru's Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) being executed by Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Company Limited (K-RIDE).

After this number was highlighted in BSRP's environment impact assessment report, the citizens reached out to the Forest Department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) demanding a comprehensive and scientific feasibility study and alternative project analyses.

Citizens say they will also be

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Keep it beating: Awareness drive on heart blockages

Vijay Karnataka, in association with MadhavBaug Hospital, is coordinating an awareness initiative named "Keep it Beating" focused on heart blockages. Scheduled for June 1 at 4 pm, the event will take place at the Sri Sai Convention Hall in Jayanagar 9th Block. Dr Gurudatta Amin, the Chief Medical Officer of MadhavBaug Hospital, along with Dr Prasad Deshpande, a medical officer, will provide valuable tips during the session. Heart diseases are increasingly common in today's modern lifestyle, often exacerbated by stress and various other factors. Lack of awareness and delayed treatment can result in severe consequences. In a bid to combat and manage heart diseases effectively, MadhavBaug Hospital has curated this special program.

With a track record of 16 years in delivering Ayurvedic treatments for heart ailments, the hospital has been actively promoting awareness and providing treatments across Karnataka for the past four years. During the programme, Dr Amin will delve into the symptoms and available treatment options for heart blockages. He will also dispel common misconceptions and address fears surrounding heart blockages.

Moreover, the programme will encompass discussions on preventive measures against heart diseases, guidance for individuals who have undergone procedures like angioplasty or bypass surgery, and strategies for managing overall heart health. The hospital's primary goal is to enhance awareness regarding heart health and offer insights into effective prevention and treatment avenues. Dr Amin emphasises, "Once a heart blockage occurs, the risk of a heart attack increases. We will outline preventive measures for heart blockages and provide advice for individuals who have already undergone treatment." The entry for this informative session is free.

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"Keep it Beating" programme
Venue: Sri Sai Convention Hall, 40th Cross, Jayanagar 9th Block, opposite bus station, Bangalore
Date: June 1; **Time:** 4 pm
Registration: Interested individuals can register by sending a WhatsApp message to 8861768672.
By registering, participants can secure their spot in the programme and actively engage in discussions about heart health.

Madhavbaug
Multidisciplinary Cardiac Care Clinics & Hospitals

Dr Gurudatta Amin

Dr Prasad Deshpande

Secure, swift, seamless: BU introduces digital payments

This move will eliminate intermediaries & ensure direct payment to their account soon after evaluation completion

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Examiners at Bangalore University's (BU) Jnana Bharathi campus will no longer face delays in receiving their honorarium as the university finally decided to directly transfer the honorarium to the examiners' bank accounts through a digital payment system. This decision comes in response to complaints about irregularities in the payment process.

The university's examination division has collaborated with the finance division to implement this new digital payment system, ensuring timely and accurate disbursement of honoraria to all examiners. Dr SM Jayakar, vice chancellor of BU, said, "Earlier, examiners had to visit several departments and wait for several days after completing the evaluation process to receive their honorarium. To avoid this, we are introducing a system where the honorarium will be paid directly online. The finance department and our department have jointly developed this system." This system has been successfully tested and implemented, guaranteeing prompt and reliable payment to examiners from all colleges affiliated with BU.

According to B Rajkumar, who oversees digital evaluation at BU, this new system eliminates the need for intermediaries, ensuring that the honorarium is paid directly to the examiners' accounts immediately after the evaluation is completed. Approximately 3,500 examiners participate in the evaluation process for each semester exam, with each examiner receiving an honorarium of Rs 2,000 per day. This amounts to a total of Rs 7 crore per semester. Professor C Srinivas, Registrar, said, "This initiative is set to benefit approximately 3,500 examiners engaged in the evaluation process for each semester. Each examiner, capable of evaluating up to 40 answer scripts daily, will be compensated with an honorarium of Rs 25 per answer script." In addition to the honorarium, examiners also receive travel and daily allowances (TA and DA), amounting to an estimated Rs. 2,000 per day per examiner. Officials said that this digital payment system has been implemented to ensure that examiners receive their honorarium in a timely and transparent manner.

KEA conducted the CET exam on April 29 and 30

CET results delayed

The release of Common Entrance Test (CET) results is delayed until the Lok Sabha election results are declared. The delay arises from the fact that the results of the second PU exam II and practical exams are still pending, and the CET results cannot be announced until these are finalised. The practical exam was rescheduled for May 25 and its results were expected to be declared on Thursday. The Karnataka Examination Authority has completed scanning and evaluating the answer sheets and has prepared the result data. However, the announcement of results is scheduled for after June 4, following the Lok Sabha election results, and is anticipated around June 5 or 6.
An official assured students and parents that results would be released as soon as possible, urging them not to worry.

2 THINGS TO DO

01 Tribute to India's nightingale

Experience an unforgettable evening honouring the legendary Lata Mangeshkar, India`s Nightingale, who has left an indelible mark on music for over seven decades and 30,000 songs across languages with the "Lata Forever" event. Immerse yourself in her timeless melodies and join in for a soul-stirring celebration featuring renowned artists like Samanvitha Sharma, Divya Raghava, Shruti Bhide, Govind Karnoor, and Satish, guided by top composers Arun Sukumar and D Shrinivas.
Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleshwaram; When: June 1, 7 pm

02 Hindustani and carnatic tunes

Get immersed in the sublime musical experience with Hindustani and Carnatic music stalwarts Pt Parameshwar Hegde, Dr TS Satyavathi, and their teams presenting 'LalitRaga Rasa' and 'Vasanta Raaga,' as part of Vasanthotsava 2024, a week-long cultural festival themed on the spring.
Where: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road
When: May 31, 6 pm

Shock over nasty producers' spat at Goa meet

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The Karnataka Film Chambers of Commerce (KFCC) has decided to constitute a committee for taking suitable action against producer Sateesh for allegedly attacking two Kannada producers—A Ganesh and Manjunath—at a get-together organised at a hotel in Goa a few days ago. It is said neither the KFCC nor the injured persons lodged a complaint with Goa police against the accused.

It is believed that a 40-member team of the KFCC left for Goa for an executive meeting to discuss various issues related to the Kannada film industry, but no executive committee meeting was held. Many well-wishers of Sandalwood have come down heavily on those responsible not only for organising the trip to Goa but also those who created ruckus during the dinner. They are of the opinion that the unfortunate incident would remain a black mark in the history of Sandalwood. They, while wondering the reasons behind this trip, want the KFCC to take measures to prevent the recurrence of such unfortunate incidents in the future.

KFCC president NM Suresh, who is also allegedly injured in the fight between Manjunath and Sateesh, organised a press meet on Thursday at the KFCC office to make it clear that whatever information Sateesh gave to the media is far from the truth. "After getting elected as the KFCC president, I wanted to organise a trip to Goa for the executive committee members and others. So, I organised the trip on my own and did not use the KFCC funds for the trip," he said. However, he failed to clarify whether the trip to Goa was personal or organised by the KFCC.

Panel to adjudicate fight; actor-producer says KFCC should focus on disbursing subsidies instead

Suresh added that Sateesh behaved rudely and was served a memo seeking an explanation for giving data on the issues discussed by the KFCC executive committee a few months ago. "He (Sateesh) submitted an apology letter to the KFCC. I did not expect him to attack others during the dinner at a hotel in Goa," said Suresh. Additionally, Ganesh said that he would lodge a complaint with Goa police against the accused. "I came to Bengaluru immediately after the unfortunate incident to avail treatment for injuries. Now, I am feeling better, so I have decided to lodge a complaint with Goa police against the accused for attacking me. I tried to pacify both of them, but he attacked me," he added.

Meanwhile, an actor-producer, pleading anonymity, said the KFCC and other organisations should meet the chief minister to expedite the disbursal of subsidies for Kannada movies, which has been pending for the last five years. "They have no time to discuss with the CM but have the time to go all the way to Goa for the reasons best known to them," he said.

Beware of insurance renewal discount trap

Fraudsters pose as agents, offering enticing discounts; cybersecurity experts offer tips to thwart such cunning schemes

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In today's digital age, scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated, targeting unsuspecting individuals in new and cunning ways. One such scam involves health insurance renewals, where fraudsters use convincing tactics to trick people into paying money through illegitimate channels. Recently, a man shared his alarming experience on social media, providing an account of how he almost fell victim to this scheme.

The individual, whose health insurance policy was due for renewal, received a phone call from someone claiming to be from a well-known insurance company. The caller, posing as an agent, had all his policy details, including the renewal notice and premium quote, which matched the information the man had received via email days earlier.

"This initial accuracy in details can easily lull anyone into a false sense of security," said the victim.

The supposed agent then made an enticing offer: since the policyholder had not claimed in over five years, he was eligible for a 20 per cent discount on the premium.

"This offer, seemingly too good to pass up, was promptly followed by an email with a revised quote and a payment link. The email appeared official and even included the renewal notice as an attachment, further legitimising the scam," added the victim.

However, things began to seem suspicious when the payment link provided in the email did not work, except for the UPI (Unified Payments Interface) payment option. The UPI ID also appeared unusual and not linked to the bank.

"A closer look at the email sender's domain revealed it was from an email ID which was not even related to the bank," he added.

Despite the agent's persistent follow-up via WhatsApp, urging him to pay quickly to avail of the discount, the man decided to confront the caller. Upon realising the scam, he exposed the fraudster and shared his experience online to warn others.

After that, several other people claimed that they had been tricked in the same way.

A cybersecurity expert said that to protect yourself from cybercrimes, always think carefully before taking any steps if someone creates urgency related to an action, as most frauds leverage fear.

"If someone asks you to download an app, read carefully to understand what the app does and never download it through a link. On WhatsApp, if you are supposed to receive an SMS from your bank, ensure the profile is verified with a green tick," said the expert.

Dental care transforms lives of rescued bears

Bannerghatta Bear Rescue Centre helps beasts saved from 'dancing' bear trade live full life again

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Wildlife SOS, through its Bannerghatta Bear Rescue Centre (BBRC), has pioneered groundbreaking dental care for rescued sloth bears in India. With a state-of-the-art veterinary clinic equipped with digital dental X-ray machines and a dedicated dental suite, the centre provides specialised care for these bears, addressing severe dental issues caused by years of mistreatment in the 'dancing' bear trade.

Sandhi Priya, Director of Corporate and Philanthropic Partnerships at Wildlife SOS, emphasises the severity of dental pain for these bears and the importance of specialised care to ensure their overall health. The centre, situated within Bannerghatta Biological Park, houses over 60 rescued bears, offering them a tranquil environment free from past trauma and abuse.

The bears undergo various dental procedures, including root canal treatments and tooth extractions, administered by a team trained by UK experts.

These surgeries have proven life-changing, alleviating pain and significantly improving the bears' temperament and activity levels.

The centre provides a nurturing environment where the bears receive a nutritious diet and engage in natural behaviours through enrichment structures.

Wildlife SOS has rescued over 600 sloth bears from the brutal bear dancing practice, providing long-term care for those unfit for release into the wild due to physical and psychological trauma.

Regular dental care is crucial, especially for geriatric bears, to prevent long-term damage and ensure they can eat without difficulty.

Through its innovative dental care program and comprehensive rehabilitation efforts, Wildlife SOS and BBRC are transforming the lives of these once-abused bears, ensuring they live healthier, pain-free lives.

CONSUMER CONNECT INITIATIVE

FUN TIME

Hip, hip, hurray!

THE THREE-DAY BENGALURU SUMMER FESTIVAL, HOSTED BY THE TIMES OF INDIA AT FORUM SOUTH BENGALURU IN JP NAGAR WAS A CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY INVOLVING HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN

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The Bengaluru Summer Festival, an initiative by the Times of India, recently wrapped up a vibrant three-day celebration of creativity and hands-on learning for children at Forum South Bengaluru in JP Nagar. From May 24 to May 26, the festival immersed more than 1,000 children, aged between five and 16 years, in a world of art and imagination.

The festivities began with exciting origami and beatboxing workshops, where kids learned the delicate art of paper folding and the art of rhythms. Over the next two days, children eagerly participated in a variety of engaging activities, including bottle decoupage, crochet, block printing, and terrarium making. Guided by professional artists, these young attendees had the opportunity to express themselves and nurture their creative talents.

"We were thrilled to witness the incredible enthusiasm and creativity displayed by the children throughout the Bengaluru Summer Festival," said Muhammed Ali, CEO of Forum Malls. "It was heartwarming to see their faces light up as they discovered new skills and brought their unique visions to life through art."

The grand finale on May 26th was a spectacular celebration of imagination. Workshops in block printing and terrarium art allowed children to create beautiful fabric patterns and build their own miniature ecosystems, fostering a love for nature and sustainability.

Parents and guardians were delighted with the festival's engaging and educational activities. "My daughter had an amazing time exploring different art forms," said Anita Sharma, a parent. "Events like these are invaluable in nurturing children's creativity and providing them with a fun learning experience," she added.

The Bengaluru Summer Festival not only entertained and inspired young minds but also fostered a sense of community and appreciation for the arts. The organisers look forward to continuing this tradition and offering more opportunities for creative expression in the future. This edition of the Bengaluru Summer Festival, presented by Forum South Bengaluru, JP Nagar, concluded with a vibrant clown fest, leaving attendees with delightful memories and a spectacular finale.

BBMP marshals take action against illegal waste disposal

Illegal waste disposal remains rampant: Construction and demolition debris clogs highways while roadside dumping plagues city outskirts, evading control measures

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BBMP Marshals imposing a penalty of Rs 20,000 on a person for dumping thermocol on Outer Right Road

The BBMP and environmentalists are conducting awareness programs to educate the public, particularly fish stall owners, about the harmful consequences of dumping thermocol used in fish and electronic product packaging. Thermocol debris dumped in stormwater drains wreaks havoc during rain, particularly before the monsoon. Despite efforts, some waste disposal workers from fish stalls persist in dumping thermocol into drains.

On Wednesday night, BBMP Marshals caught a passenger auto-rickshaw (KA41 A8442) carrying thermocol waste and imposed a Rs 20,000 penalty on the owner of the auto for dumping thermocol waste on the Outer Ring Road near Deepanjali Nagar. BBMP Marshals have caught another auto-rickshaw driver and fined them Rs 5,000 for dumping waste, gathered from fish stalls, along the Outer Ring Road close to Nayandahalli.

" In the past few months, we have caught 10 people for dumping waste from chicken and fish stalls. Dumping of thermocol and waste collected from chicken and fish stalls has been rampant on the Outer Ring Road near Nayandahalli. We have also found some people dumping waste in the stormwater drain. There are occasions where people engaged in dumping waste behave rudely with us," said BBMP South Zone Supervisor Somshekar Patil.

A couple of individuals were discovered dumping waste along the bund of Vengaiah Lake on Old Madras Road, close to TC Palya, a few days back. Balaji Raghotham, a lake activist passing by, intervened to halt the waste dumping on the lake bund. " I raised my voice at them for dumping waste on the lake bund. I insisted they clean up the waste they had dumped there," said Balaji Raghotham. He expressed that all the citizens must show affection for Bengaluru and strive to prevent such actions, "Neither the BBMP Marshals nor environmentalists can monitor waste dumping by irresponsible individuals around the clock. It is the responsibility of all the citizens in Bengaluru to keep the city clean and neat," he said. An occupant of Pai Layout, pleading anonymity, has said that Benniganahalli Lake has become a destination to dump chicken waste. "I request the BBMP Lakes Department to assign security guards to monitor those who are dumping waste into the lake," he said.

> **" We have caught 10 people for dumping waste from chicken and fish stalls. Dumping thermocol has been a rampant on ORR**
> – Somashekar Patil, BBMP Supervisor

The other offenders are individuals responsible for disposing of construction and demolition (C&D) waste. One can find C&D waste on the sides of state and national highways. There are allegations of dry and wet waste being dumped on the roadside on the outskirts of the city. Many social activists are actively involved in stopping waste dumping and burning in these areas. Despite the best efforts of social activists and Solid Waste Management Department employees, waste dumping and burning continue to be widespread in the RR Nagar Zone.

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Crossing hazard
J P Nagar

The zebra crossing on Aurobindo Marg at 9th Cross, J P Nagar 1st Phase, lacks pedestrian signals and features a significant divider that poses a trip hazard. This situation puts pedestrians at risk of accidents.

Signal outage
Nagarabhavi

Traffic signals are not functioning at Ganapati Circle, Nagarabhavi. This may disrupt driving and increase the risk of accidents.

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BMTC's 'Bengaluru Darshini' bus generates revenue ₹72.59 Lakh

BMTC flagship tourist bus 'Bengaluru Darshini' has made a revenue of Rs 72.59 lakh between April 2021 and 2024. The bus which provides a tour across major attractions in the city was used by 17,800 passengers in the period. The service was initially launched in 2015 by the corporation.

Priced at Rs 400 for an adult and Rs 300 for children, the Volvo bus takes passengers across the city beginning from the Kempegowda Majestic bus stand. A service charge of Rs 15 is also levied. The landmarks visited by the bus include the Vidhana Soudha, Sir M Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, Tipu Palace, the Bull Temple and Lalbagh. While the patronage of the service remained low before the pandemic, with only 300-400 passengers making use of it, footfall began to increase gradually post-2021, after BMTC began to rigorously advertise the initiative through newspapers as well as social media. In 2021, over 685 people used the services provided by the Darshini bus while in the following year, the footfall grew ten times more, with over 6,400 passengers opting for the service. The revenue brought in during the year of 2022 stood at Rs 26.27 lakh. In 2023, close to 8,100 passengers made use of the service, bringing in a revenue of Rs 32.97 lakh.

— Rachana Ramesh

A good mattress essential for sound sleep

In the quest for a good night's sleep, one often underestimates the role of a quality mattress. Yet, the mattress we sleep on plays a crucial role in our overall well-being, affecting our sleep quality, posture, and overall health. In this article, we delve into why investing in a good mattress is essential, the benefits it offers, and provide tips on how to choose the perfect mattress for your needs.

Why You Need a Good Mattress

Sleep Quality: A good mattress promotes better sleep quality by providing adequate support and comfort. It ensures proper alignment of the spine, reduces pressure points, and minimizes tossing and turning during sleep.

Physical Health: Quality sleep on a good mattress contributes to better physical health. It helps alleviate back pain, neck pain, and joint stiffness, allowing for a more restorative and rejuvenating sleep experience.

Mental Well-being: Adequate sleep on a comfortable mattress enhances mental well-being by reducing stress, anxiety, and mood swings. It improves cognitive function, concentration, and overall productivity.

Long-term Investment: Investing in a good mattress is a long-term investment in your health and well-being. A durable and high-quality mattress can last for years, providing consistent support and comfort throughout its lifespan.

Benefits of Good Mattresses

Proper Support: Good mattresses offer proper support to the body, especially the spine, ensuring optimal alignment and reducing the risk of back and neck pain.

Pressure Relief: Quality mattresses distribute body weight evenly, relieving pressure points and preventing discomfort or pain in areas like shoulders, hips, and lower back.

Comfort: Good mattresses are designed for comfort, with materials that contour to the body's shape, providing a cozy and relaxing sleep environment.

Durability: High-quality mattresses are more durable and resilient, maintaining their shape and supportiveness over time, leading to a longer lifespan.

Sleep Temperature Regulation: Some good mattresses are designed with temperature-regulating properties, keeping you cool in summer and warm in winter for a comfortable sleep experience.

Motion Isolation: Premium mattresses often have excellent motion isolation properties, minimizing disturbances from partner movements during sleep.

How to Choose the Right Mattress

Consider Your Sleeping Position: Your sleeping position influences the type of mattress you need. For example, side sleepers may benefit from a softer mattress, while back or stomach sleepers may prefer a firmer one for better support.

Evaluate Material Types: Different mattress materials offer unique benefits. Memory foam mattresses contour to the body, latex mattresses provide bounce and breathability, while innerspring mattresses offer traditional support with added bounce.

Assess Firmness Level: The ideal firmness level depends on personal preference and sleeping position. Medium-firm mattresses are often a good compromise for various sleepers, offering both support and comfort.

Consider Special Features

Look for additional features such as cooling gel layers, hypoallergenic materials, or adjustable firmness settings based on your specific needs and preferences.

Check Durability and Warranty: Opt for mattresses from reputable brands known for durability and longevity. Check warranty details, including coverage for sagging or manufacturing defects. A good mattress is not just a piece of furniture; it's an investment in your sleep quality, health, and overall well-being. With benefits ranging from proper support and comfort to pain relief and improved sleep, choosing the right mattress tailored to your needs is essential. By considering factors like material types, firmness levels, and special features, you can find the perfect mattress that provides a restful and rejuvenating sleep experience night after night.

BBMP to tackle potholes with automated cold mix machine

New cold mix asphalt technology enables year-round road repairs, even during monsoon, with faster and more efficient pothole filling across Bengaluru

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To solve the issue of potholes on major roads, the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is planning to get an automated cold mix asphalting machine for the first time in the city.

This new machine will enable BBMP to fill potholes throughout the year. Typically, BBMP cannot use hot-mix asphalt during the rainy season. To address this, BBMP has been using cold mix asphalt and applying it manually. However, this method only allows for covering small patches of potholes. The solution has been previously used in larger cities like Pune and Chandigarh.

BBMP is procuring an automated cold mix asphalting machine to fix potholes on major roads. This machine will allow BBMP to fill potholes even during rains within 10-15 minutes. BBMP has floated a tender for a service provider who will repair damaged roads and potholes using a jet patcher automatic cold mix injection machine. BBMP will spend an estimated Rs 250 lakh over 11 months for the pothole repair using this machine.

"During wet conditions, normal hot mix asphalting is not possible, and we have to resort to cold mix asphalt. Using a machine with a cold mix mounted will fill the potholes. While manually only small patches can be covered, the machines allow for larger patches as well," said a senior BBMP official.

Potholes on B'luru roads; Inset: BBMP worker using the cold mix asphalting machine

BBMP conducted a trial run of the machine on Jayamahal Road roughly two months ago. As part of the trial, 10 sqm of road was repaired using the machine.

According to BBMP officials, the machine can cover up to 10-15 sqm of potholes at a stretch, and the pothole filling can take up to 15-20 minutes.

"The whole process is completely automated and only requires a driver. The machines are loaded with up to 5-8 cubic meters of cold mix asphalt. The machine is brought to the repair location, removes the dust, lays the tack coat, and then applies cold mix asphalt and compresses it," the official added.

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However, BBMP is not planning to procure the machines but will be hiring them on a contract basis. Palike will provide a square meter rate for potholes filled by the service provider. The service provider will be responsible for supplying the machines and filling the potholes. According to Palike's estimates, it will cost Rs 1,500 per sqm for services rendered.

Between April and May, BBMP identified 1,600 potholes and has managed to fill 1,300 potholes on major roads. There are still 300 potholes that are yet to be filled. For fixing potholes using cold-mix asphalt, BBMP has a stock of 8,000 bags of cold-mix asphalt, each weighing 25 kg.

MEA on cancellation of diplomatic passport

Suspended JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna has time until June 2 to respond to a show-cause notice served by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for the revocation of his diplomatic passport, after which appropriate action will be taken. The MEA stated this on Thursday ahead of his expected return to India from Germany on May 31.

"We received a request from the Karnataka government on May 21. On May 23, as per the Indian Passport Act, we initiated action for the cancellation of the diplomatic passport of Member of Parliament Prajwal Revanna," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

"On May 23, we issued a show-cause notice to him. He has to respond to the notice within 10 days. Accordingly, we will take things forward once we hear from him or the 10-day period expires," he said. — PTI

Prajwal Revanna leaves Munich, SIT readies for his arrest

Prajwal Revanna, is en route to Bengaluru from Munich, Germany. His flight departed Munich at 4.10 pm (IST) and is expected to arrive at Kempegowda International Airport around 12.30 am. SIT officers plan to arrest him upon arrival, as an arrest warrant and Blue Corner notice are in effect.

K'taka Home Minister G Parameshwara confirmed Revanna's return. Security has been heightened at the airport, and SIT officers have coordinated with Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayananda to ensure safety. — IANS

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Temples embrace technology with digital kiosks

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With digitisation all around, how can temples be left out? Now, the Muzrai Department has taken a digital leap where devotees can book their tickets via digital kiosks. Devotees visiting temples across the state will soon be spared the hassle of waiting in long queues for tickets. The Muzrai department plans to install digital kiosks at these popular temples, which attract thousands of visitors. This initiative aims to streamline the process, allowing devotees to obtain their tickets quickly and efficiently without having to wait in line at service counters.

H Basavarajendra, Muzrai Commissioner, said, "Depending on the number of devotees, between one to five digital kiosks will be installed in each temple. The purchase of these kiosks will be funded by the respective temple's income."

How does it work?

Devotees can select the desired service on the digital kiosk's touchscreen. They will then enter their name and mobile number (or email), and the system will show the fixed price for the selected service. After making an online payment, devotees will receive a receipt, which they can use to avail of the service at the temple.

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A devotee using the digital kiosk at a temple

Pilot project at Banashankari Temple

As a pilot project, two digital kiosks have been installed at Bengaluru's Banashankari Temple. This temple currently offers 22 services, including 'archana', 'sahasranama', 'panchamruta abhisheka', 'Girija Kalyana', 'madalakki', 'uyyaalothsava', 'visheshadarshana', 'vahana pooja', and 'Durga homa', among others. While some services are common across many temples, others are unique to each temple. According to Lakshmi, the administrator of Banashankari Temple, the temple authorities have also encouraged donors to use this facility.

Devotees visiting temples for urgent tasks, including financial transactions, often leave disappointed due to long queues. Some even resort to unfair means to obtain tickets. Additionally, there are significant financial irregularities in the temple's income from various services, creating challenges for the administrative committees. Hence, digital kiosks will be instrumental in addressing these issues. Recently, the Muzrai department introduced online services in temples under its jurisdiction, allowing devotees to obtain tokens for 'archana' and other services, streamlining the process and reducing the scope for irregularities.

Radhika Srinivas, a devotee, said, "It looks like a solution to the long queues! These digital kiosks will make our visits much more pleasant. With digital kiosks, everything is transparent and straightforward. Kudos to the temple authorities for this upgrade."

Dry start to June dampens spirits

Hospitality industry suffering due to restrictions for MLC polls & counting; association requests reduction of dry days

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Hoteliers in the city say that the dry days on account of member of legislative council (MLC) elections, Lok Sabha polls counting and MLC polls results, are going to cause a major hit to their business and have urged the government to limit the restrictions. They have suggested that the liquor sales can begin on June 4 after the process of counting is concluded, similar to that of the rules implemented in Mumbai and on June 6, the restrictions can be implemented only on establishments that are within a kilometre-radius from designated counting centers.

The first liquor sale ban will last for a 48-hour period owing to the polls of six Legislative Council seats scheduled on June 3. According to an order issued by the Bengaluru Urban district administration, the sale of liquor will be prohibited from 4 pm on June 1 till 4 pm on June 3. Following this, the second liquor ban will begin soon after the first as the counting day for the Lok Sabha elections falls on June 4. Due to this, liquor sales will be banned in stores for a 24-hour period starting from the midnight of June 3. The third ban in the same week will be on June 6, when the counting of votes polled in the MLC elections will be held in Bengaluru as well as other portions of Karnataka. There will not be liquor sales from 6 am on June 6 till midnight.

The order issued by the district administration states that the ban would apply to the production, sale, distribution, transportation and storage of liquor. It will be applicable to liquor shops, wine stores, bars, hotels, restaurants and other establishments that serve alcohol to customers.

The Bruhat Bangalore Hotel Association (BBHA) has written a letter to the Excise Commissioner, Dr J Ravishankar, regarding the matter.

> **Bars are required to pay a licence fee which amounts close to Rs 9 lakh. How must one be able to pull off sufficient business?**
>
> –Hotelier

"Unfortunately, we are facing continuous dry days in the first week of June due to the election and counting. This will affect our industry very much. Further, revenue to the Excise Department is also affected by an average of Rs 100 crore per day. In this context, we request you to reduce the number of dry days as per below: On 4 June (counting day), after closing the counting, we can be allowed to do our business as done in Mumbai. On the 6th counting day, sale of liquor can be banned only in establishments within 1-km distance from designated counting places. Kindly consider our request," the letter read.

A hotelier said, "The total of five dry days amounts to a large chunk of business in June for pubs and restaurants in the city. Bars are required to pay a licence fee which amounts close to Rs 9 lakh. How must one be able to pull off sufficient business to manage expenses when there are five dry days in a month?"

IN BRIEF

Researchers put MSG to good use

Researchers at the Department of Biochemistry (BC), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), have developed a safer process of production of recombinant proteins such as vaccine antigens, insulin, and monoclonal antibodies.

Unlike the conventional process that involves the use of methanol, a compound that requires safe handling, carries the risk of catching fire, and sometimes produces harmful byproducts, the new alternative uses a common food additive called mono-sodium glutamate (MSG).

After an extensive search, the team found that MSG, a USFDA-approved food additive, can lead to protein production similar to methanol-led activation.

Researchers say most industries use methanol-induced processes for producing recombinant proteins. However, methanol is highly flammable and hazardous, requiring stringent safety precautions. Moreover, Methanol also metabolizes to form hydrogen peroxide which can induce oxidative stress in the yeast cells or damage the recombinant proteins.

After an extensive search for alternatives, researchers found that MSG can activate a different promoter in the yeast genome that codes for an enzyme called phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (PEPCK). Activating this promoter with MSG led to protein production similar to methanol activation of the AOX promoter. **BMB**

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Understanding Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy

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A bone marrow transplant, also referred to as stem cell transplant, is a type of procedure that is performed to infuse healthy stem cells that produce blood into a body by replacing its bone marrow. Bone marrow transplants are performed on patients diagnosed with Acute Leukemia, Adrenoleukodystrophy, Aplastic Anemia, Chronic Leukemia, Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes, Multiple Myeloma, etc.

A bone marrow transplant is done to provide new stem cells that help in killing the cancer cells directly, replace the bone marrow that is unable to produce healthy and new stem cells, and safely allow chemotherapy or radiation therapy by replacing that bone marrow that has been damaged during treatment.

What is a Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) or Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT)?

There are three distinct types of cells in our blood – the red cells that contain hemoglobin and carry oxygen and carbon dioxide; the white cells that guard over body against various infections and the platelets that help our blood clot. All these cells are produced inside our bone marrow (a tissue inside the bones) from the "mother cells" or "stem cells". When various diseases, some inherited and some that happen later in life (like cancers), affect the marrow so that it cannot function properly, a stem cell transplantation from a healthy donor is a treatment option, offering a lifetime cure in most situations.

In this procedure, a donor's healthy blood-forming stem cells are collected either from their bone marrow or from their blood and put into the patient's bloodstream, where they go to the bone marrow space, begin to grow and make healthy red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. Stem cells can also be obtained from the cells inside the umbilical cords of a newborn child that are collected and stored. Patients receive high doses of chemotherapy, radiation, and certain types of immunotherapies to remove their unhealthy bone marrow cells and prepare their body for the transplant. Then, on transplant day, the patient receives the donated cells as a transfusion through an intravenous (IV) catheter out into one of their veins.

What is CAR-T Cell Therapy?

CAR-T Cell Therapy (Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-Cell Therapy) is relatively a new form of immunotherapy that involves genetically modifying a patient's own T-Cells to better recognize and attack cancer cells. This personalized approach harnesses the power of the immune system to fight cancer. The engineered CAR-T Cells are infused back into the patient, where they multiply and target cancer cells carrying specific proteins on their surface. CAR-T therapy has shown promising results, particularly in treating certain types of leukemia and lymphoma.

The stem cells can be donated from a donor – either from a healthy live adult or from a cord blood unit stored for public use. This is called an allogeneic transplant. This can be a related donor transplant if the donor is a family member or an unrelated donor transplant if the donor is not a family member.

There is another type of transplant called an autologous transplant. This is done in the treatment of certain types of cancers that require the administration of very high doses of chemotherapy that can destroy the cells inside the bone marrow permanently. In such situations, prior to the administration of such chemotherapy, the patient's own stem cells are collected from their bloodstream and stored. The high dose chemotherapy is administered followed by the transplant of the stored stem cells.

Depending on a patient's disease and health status, his/her doctor may recommend an autologous or an allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT).

Seventy percent of the patients do not have a full matched donor in their family. Such patients may need to undergo a half matched (haploidentical) stem cell transplant from their relatives or use unrelated donors from donor registry.

In CAR-T Cell Therapy the lymphocytes that act as drugs are derived from patient's body.

Diseases that can treated by bone marrow /blood transplants

A bone marrow or cord blood transplant may be the best treatment option or the only potential for a cure for patients with leukemia, lymphoma, sickle cell anemia and many other diseases. As the science of transplant continues to advance, new diseases are being treated with transplant.

1. Leukemias and lymphomas
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2. Bone marrow failure that is either inherited or acquired.
3. Disorders of immune system/ immunodeficiencies
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Relapsed ALL and B-Cell Lymphomas can be treated either by CART Cell Therapy or HSCT or combination of these two treatments.

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'Suburban rail must account for environmental cost'

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approaching the Karnataka Forest Department with their concerns.

"The suburban rail must account for the environmental cost and social impact on the city's climate. Losing more of our green cover in the garden city is unacceptable. With plans to axe approximately 220 trees per km for a 148 km rail line, totaling around 32,572 trees, we demand a detailed study. As with all projects, there should be a comprehensive feasibility study of both environmental costs and citizens' feasibility. Additionally, we must avoid duplication that could undermine the success and viability, considering we already have ring roads and metro lines serving similar routes," said Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation.

According to Alexander James, a senior citizen, who is part of the group that has approached the forest department, suburban rail can start functioning with some tweaks in existing infrastructure and technology such as track doubling and signal automation.

"Many out of the 33,000 trees can be saved by using the existing rail network. Moreover, K-RIDE should release an environmental impact assessment and social impact assessment of the project in the public domain. The company should also put out a detailed plan on compensatory plantation for trees that will be cut for the project," said James.

Citizens say such indiscriminate felling of trees will pose a grave danger to the well-being of our ecosystem, especially given the current climate change conditions. They highlight the proposed axing of over 17,000 trees in the Akkipete depot area.

"While the trees in the area are predominantly eucalyptus and acacia, there should be an alternative to this proposal. The way this project has been planned goes to show that not a lot of thought has been given to saving Bengaluru's green cover. A big chunk of the trees' impending felling falls under the jurisdiction of Karnataka Forest Department and we plan to meet the CCF soon," said Avanthi Rao, another citizen.

The group of citizens will also be participating in the public consultation meeting by K-RIDE to disseminate information regarding environmental and social impact assessment studies conducted by the agency.

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Chosen ones: Domlur, Nayandahalli, KR Puram, Rajajinagar flyovers

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theme of sports heroes of Karnataka.

Between 2019 and 2023, the NGO has done transformation works for three flyovers and nine underpasses.

Work has been carried out at Veeranapalya (ORR) flyover (Karnataka Wildlife), Bhadrappa Layout (ORR) flyover (Bengaluru History), Carmelaram (Sarjapur Road) flyover (Chess), Mehkri Circle (Ambaari), Windsor Underpass (Ganda Bhairunda), Palace Underpass (Royal Mysuru), Kundalahalli Underpass (Birds & Lakes), and HAL Underpass (Aerospace).

Stops misuse

Apart from visual transformation, the design is aimed at acting as a deterrent for misuse of public space. The task the NGO claims is not just about illustrations, but also about design elements and regular maintenance.

"As you go around Bengaluru, you hardly see any symbols of the city's or state's pride or identity in public spaces. We felt this absence is a void that needs to be addressed - and we always try to use themes or motifs that create a sense of pride in the citizens. When it comes to underpasses, we have added motifs like Gandabhairunda, Ambaari and the Karnataka state logo (at Mehkri Circle, Windsor, Palace and Dairy Circle Underpasses), a science motif at CNR Underpass, a cricket motif at the Puttenahalli underpass, Aerospace at HAL Underpass, Birds at Kundalahalli and Okalipuram Interchange, and peacocks at Kadugodi. These themes evoke a sense of pride among locals, and create awareness among immigrants about what the city cares about and stands for," said Arun Pai of India Rising Trust (coordinating organisation of The Ugly Indian).

Public friendly-design

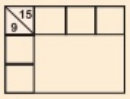
But the chief design officer, India Rising Trust, Aniruddha Abhyankar, also has implemented design changes to allow for a more long-lasting impact of the deterrence. Aspects like 24x7 public access (without grills and bars), well-designed seating and resting places, provision of small footpaths, attractive installations/murals that make them into selfie points, easy-to-maintain public spaces, stealth-proofing, well-lit and regularly maintained, offers public facilities and/or amenities otherwise not available in the area (seating, toilets, rain-sun cover, relaxation places) are included as part of the design.

" The theme is just one part of the work but for the public to maintain it, we need to create public value for the space. We noticed that when the spaces under the flyover are covered with grills, people are walking on the roads. We decided to keep them accessible for people and provide small footpaths. Irrespective of the utility of the place, there is always some miscreant making a mess. For this, we conduct maintenance three times a day as per requirement. To clear the dust off the flyover, we are using vacuum cleaners instead of brooms. While greenery is laudable, muddy surfaces are harder to maintain, so we cover them with cobblestones," added Pai.

Additionally, keeping the circular economy in mind, most of the material used in transformation is reused. "When BBMP removes paver blocks on footpaths to replace them with new ones, we take the old ones to conduct transformation work," he added.

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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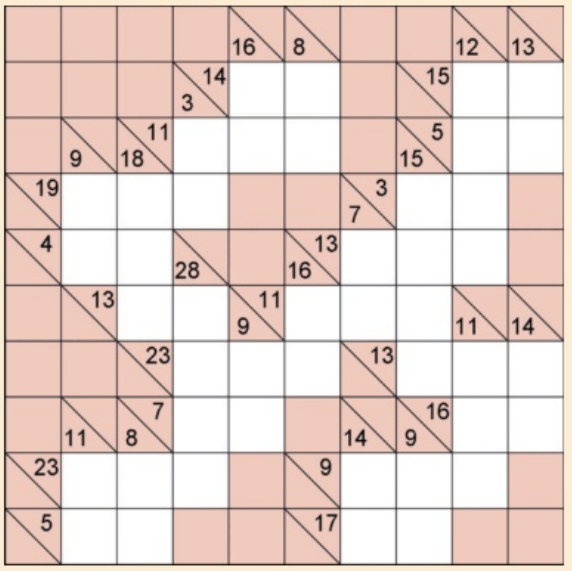

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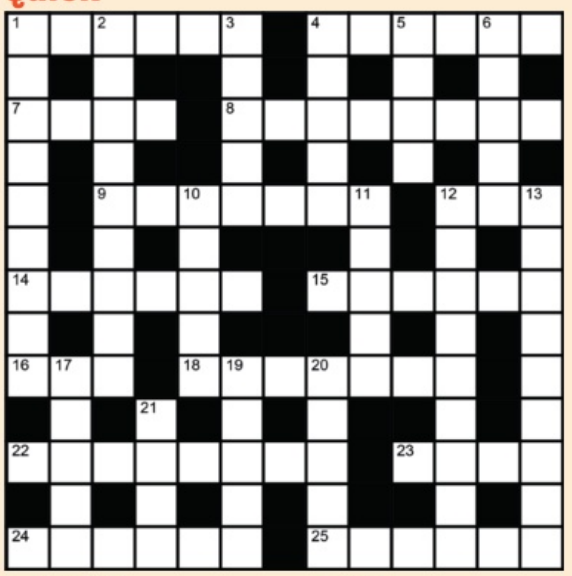


ACROSS

1 Agreement (6)
4 Former Zimbabwe President Robert ____ (6)
7 Ballot or election (4)
8 Surpassing; getting the better of (8)
9 Makes beloved? (7)
12 Confer knighthood (3)
14 Church instruments (6)
15 Sent out or emitted (6)
16 Simian? (3)
18 Sells in small quantities over the counter (7)
22 Misbehaving (6,2)
23 Oral exam (4)
24 Literary compositions (6)
25 Kept out of sight (6)

DOWN

1 Spotted breed of horse (9)
2 Associate (9)
3 Simple semiconductor (5)
4 Engine of a car, etc. (5)
5 Incandescence (4)
6 Southern African (5)
10 Contributor (5)
11 Japanese dish (5)
12 Thigh bone of a chicken or other fowl? (9)
13 Personal security man (9)
17 Where beer guzzling classic rockers hang out off Brigade Road (5)
19 Advantages (5)
20 Shock greatly (5)
21 Indian oil lamp (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: F EQUALS G

CBCW DTH VHLASOALY VGHVT-KCK SQCTHR FCWCHLYYR SGH-WK TGS SQC ETKS OEVTHSLWS SQOWF OW SQC CWI.

Linemaro

Do you know where an asylum is? You are driving me crazy

Mindchow

People seldom do what they believe in. They do what is convenient, then repent

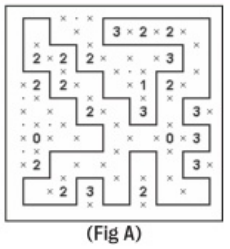
Joke of the day

Not only do I not know what's going on, I wouldn't know what to do about it if I did

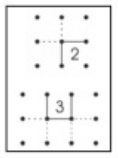
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

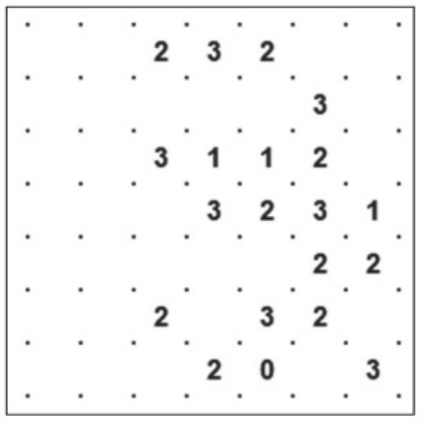


(Fig B) Not Allowed

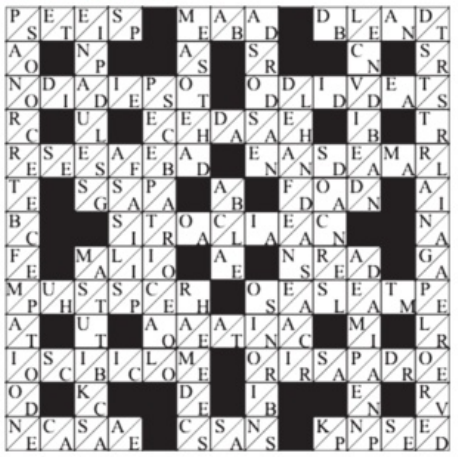
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



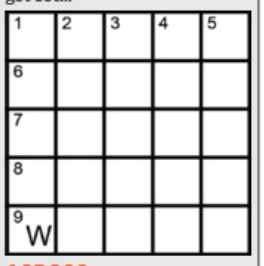
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Crans; 6 Leo in; 7 Hevea; 8 Op cit; 9 H wack

DOWN

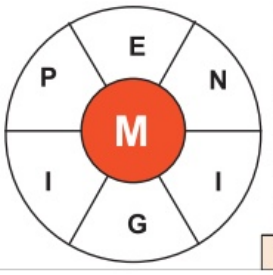
1 On who; 2 A help; 3 A tear; 4 IC Vic; 5 Necks

Mensapuzzle

What letter is three to the left of the letter immediately to the right of the letter which is four to the right of the letter B ?

A B C D E F G H

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	2		3		9		1	
	5						2	
6		3		2		9		4
7				6				3
1			5		4			7
8				3				2
3		6		5		2		1
	1						8	
	4		2		7		3	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 6
1 5 6 8

Medium = 61
4 6 8 9

Hard = 15
6 1 4 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

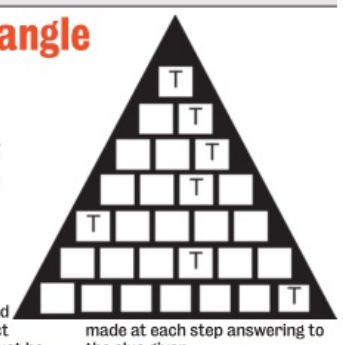
Differences: 1. Handle is missing. 2. Glove is missing. 3. Arm is longer. 4. Truck window is missing. 5. Trash can is taller. 6. Truck's side mirror is longer.

Riddler

On the charts I remain number one, This position cannot be undone, If I burn, you may get Just a little bit wet. In a Zeppelin, I am no fun.

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 tu Brute ...
3 Become firm
4 Permits
5 'Scrabble' supply
6 Pay heed
7 Hollywood's Kate



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

I THOUGHT THE CRUISE SHIP LOST POWER?
IT DID! IT IS HELPLESS!
IT SURE AIN'T NOW!
?
IT IS GOIN' FASTER THAN A SPEED-BOAT!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! SHIPS CAN'T GO 'AT FAST!
WHEEee!
popeye.com

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

WOW, YOU WERE SO GLAMOROUS!
I STILL AM! AND SO ARE YOU. GLAMOUR RUNS IN THE FAMILY.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
DON'T BE GONE FOR TOO LONG! WE STILL HAVE A FEW MORE PHOTO ALBUMS TO LOOK THROUGH!

Crankshaft

YOUR COMIC STRIP 'THE WRINKLES' IS THE ONLY REASON I GET THE 'CENTERVILLE SENTINEL'!
KOHLER'S KOMIX
YOU STILL GET A NEWSPAPER!?
BLESS YOU!
2-27

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may enjoy your personal and professional life. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help in the smooth completion of your work. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You may also plan to renovate your house or office.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by the positive moon. You may enjoy work, you may get rewards after your hard work. Your social respect may increase. Overworking your mind may make you tired, and due to your workload, you may not be able to reach some family events. Chronic health issues related to your parents may be cured now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may be satisfied with the work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some religious places to maintain your inner peace. Your elders may likely show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today your moon becomes negative, you may feel dull, it is advised to keep your mind calm and cool. It is a golden rule for you to think twice before acting. You may travel to recover your money, otherwise you may lose your money. You are also advised to avoid going on adventure tours. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to get success.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are blessed by the positive moon, you may feel good. Domestic harmony may make you happy. You may meet some influential person, who may help you to get some benefits on the work front. You may likely perform well in your job, you may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes in inherited property may likely settle down.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may be healthy, you may be able to focus towards your goals. Your performance may be very good at work, your boss may be happy with you, and you may get some important responsibilities at work. You may hear good news in any legal matter. You are likely to have control over your opponents and business rivals.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be more intellectual, you may prefer to gain knowledge, and you may understand the value of intellectual assets. Having control over your short temper can help you perform your tasks smoothly. There may be some chances of smooth earnings, which may give you comfort in the workflow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. You are likely to spend money on loved ones. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, your moon becomes negative, you may feel negativity around you. You may find your responsibilities as a burden. You may be in a hurry to complete the task given to you. You may make silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may decrease, which may affect your day-to-day work. Your projects may likely be delayed, it may affect your running projects. You are advised to take a piece of advice from your elders, before taking any important decision.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon, you may hear good news from your sibling. You may spend your time with family and friends. With the help of creativity, you may plan to renovate your house or office. You may start new partnerships with the family members, which will be beneficial shortly. Your subordinates at the office may help you in terms of the project.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel negative. Tasks remain incomplete. You may be a victim of mood swings, your patience may be tested many times, and silly mistakes make you confused about completing your work. Love birds find themselves to be confused in terms of feelings. More expectations may affect your emotional attachment to the spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students may lose their concentration.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, the positive moon may help you. You may feel happiness and peace of mind. You may work efficiently in your professional life, your subordinates may cooperate with you to make some important decisions in the business. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network, which may be beneficial in the growth of your business. It is advised to take proper rest to maintain your enthusiasm.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your moon becomes negative, and you may have detachment with responsibilities. You also expend more in purchasing worthless stuff, which may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals, otherwise, you may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised to read documents carefully before putting in your signature.

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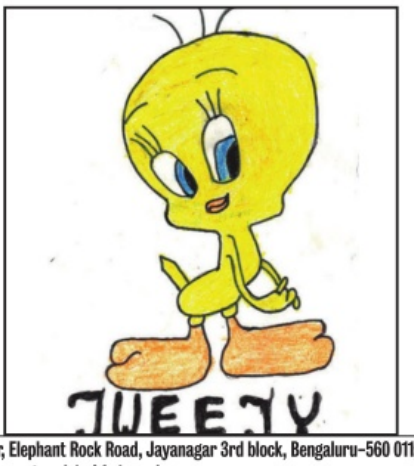

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= (1+11+12×11)/(4×3×2×1)
= 144/24 = 6

BULL'S EYE
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FAST FIVE

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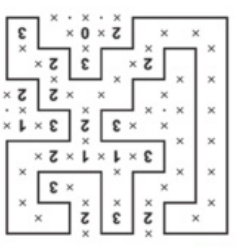

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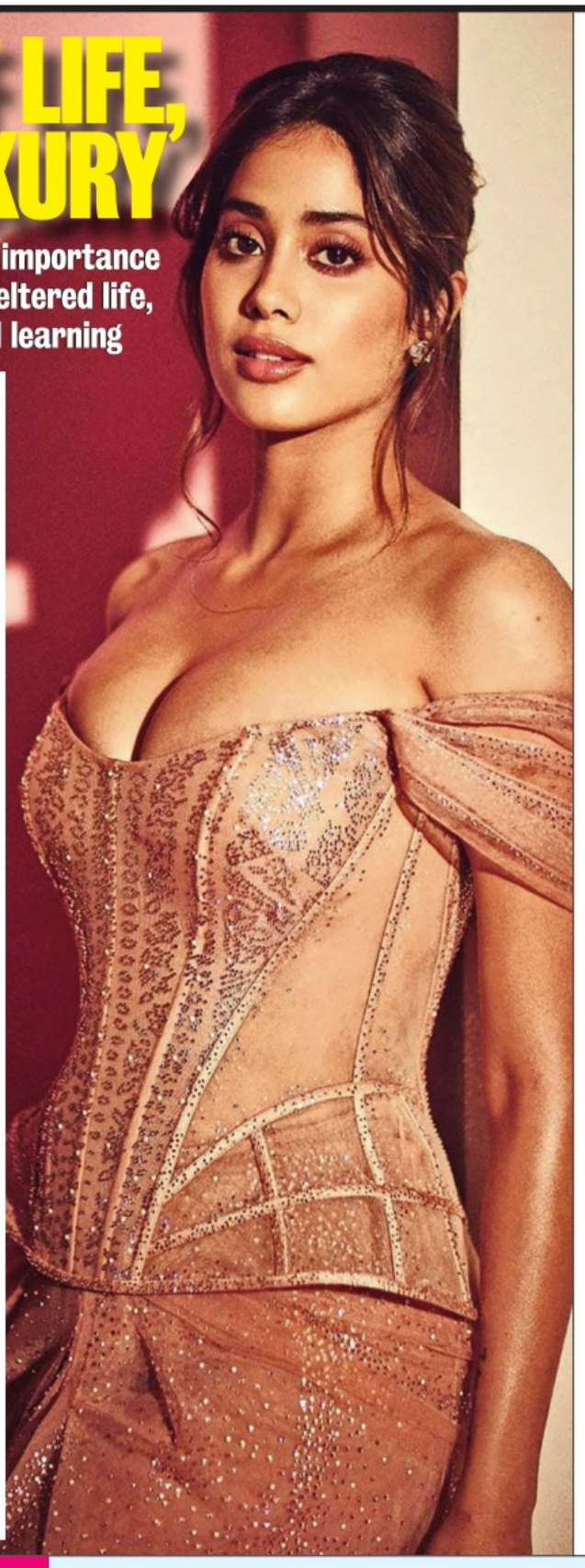
LOVE OF LIFE, NOT LUXURY

Janhvi speaks about importance of stepping out of sheltered life, making mistakes and learning



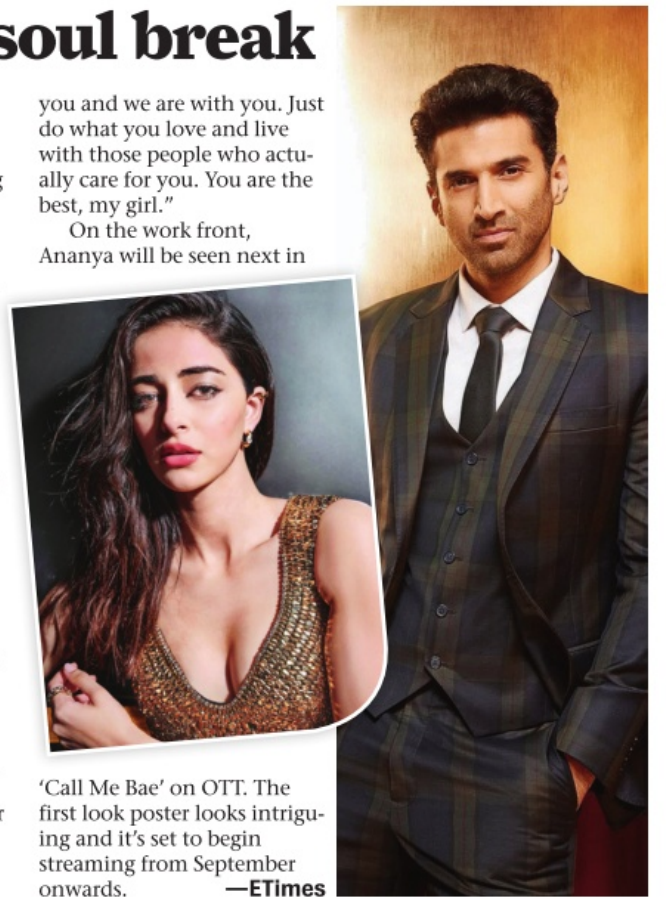
Janhvi Kapoor reflected on her upbringing and the contrast between her sheltered life and the pursuit of experiences.

She shared how her late mother, actor Sridevi, worked to provide her children with a comfortable life. However, Janhvi expressed feeling a sense of emptiness in such a sheltered existence, highlighting the importance of making mistakes and learning from them. She highlighted her belief that those who lack the drive to seek out experiences may be missing out on valuable growth opportunities.

In a conversation with Ranveer Allahbadia, Janhvi Kapoor said, "I want to be wealthy in my soul. I want a lot more from life emotionally than just the comforts that would have been easily offered to me. I want to be enriched, and I want my life to be full of experiences. I have lived a very sheltered life. Mom and Dad have been very overprotective of me, and I think as a result of that, I seek experiences because I feel they were kept away from me."

Janhvi Kapoor shared that her mother, Sridevi, believed in providing comfort to her daughters, Janhvi and Khushi, due to her own hard work. Janhvi said, "Mom's logic, of course, was that I have lived so much, seen so much, and done so much that I can just give my kids comfort and luxury without them having to go through any of it. But I am not interested in that kind of hollow existence..." **—ETimes**

Heart & soul break



Ananya Panday and Aditya Roy Kapur are rumoured to have broken up after dating each other for over a year and a half. A few days ago, a report suggested that the couple parted ways in march. It further said that the duo is trying to move on while remaining cordial with one another. The two actors are quite busy with their respective schedules. Amidst these break-up reports, Ananya was seen in a video shared by Orry (Orhan Awatramani).

In this video, everyone was asked, 'What did you lose this weekend?' Responding to this, Ananya said with a very serious and not-so-happy face, "I lost my soul." Netizens think that Ananya said this due to break-up with Aditya.

Fans tried to cheer her up. One user said, "Girl, come back stronger," while another one said, "We feel you, Ananya." Then someone wrote, "Ananya, we can feel you and we are with you. Just do what you love and live with those people who actually care for you. You are the best, my girl."

On the work front, Ananya will be seen next in 'Call Me Bae' on OTT. The first look poster looks intriguing and it's set to begin streaming from September onwards. **—ETimes**

Best actress tag to Sanya

Actor Sanya Malhotra has been nominated for the Best Actress award for her role in 'Mrs' at the upcoming New York Indian Film Festival 2024.

Not only Sanya but the film's director Arati Kadav has also scored a nomination in the Best Director category.

The particular update was shared on the official Instagram account of Jio Studios. "We're incredibly excited to share that our Hindi film 'Mrs', will be screening at the esteemed #NewYork IndianFilmFestival2024! But wait, there's more! Our amazing Sanya Malhotra is up for Best Actress, and the brilliant Arati Kadav has been nominated for Best Director," she wrote.

'Mrs' is also up for the screening at the prestigious film festival. Sanya in a statement said, "It is a proud moment for me that Mrs has been chosen as the closing film for NYIFF." She plays Richa, a character grappling with the delicate balance between tradition and ambition." **—IANS**

SOFIA TRIED TO DROP THE ACCENT

Actress Sofia Vergara was once determined to get rid of her melodic accent, fearing her speech would limit opportunities.

While discussing the roles she has been offered since her days on 'Modern Family', the actress revealed that she didn't want to be cast as her character 'Gloria (Pritchett) again' in another comedy series, reports 'People' magazine.

However, the actress said: "I cannot take this accent away, no matter what. I tried at the beginning of my career.".

"When I moved to Los Angeles, I was like, 'I cannot believe Penelope Cruz or Salma Hayek don't change their accent, they'd have so many more opportunities. I'm going to do it," she said.

"Then I spent so much money and time with people teaching me, and it was a f****** waste," Vergara added.

As per 'People', after spending 11 years on the ABC sitcom as Gloria, the actress opened up about the difficulties with finding a role. "It was almost playing myself in a way," she explained. "I never went to an acting class in my life. And when I decide to do something different, it's hard because this accent is beautiful, but it's like, I cannot be a scientist, I cannot be an astronaut." **—IANS**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Pricey audio rights

The team of pan-India Kannada movie KD is celebrating the sale of its audio rights at a whopping Rs 17.70 crore. Director Prem, known for handling the megaphone for big-budget movies, announced at an event about the sale of the audio to Anand Audio. All the guests on the stage were seen in period costumes.

"Songs of the movie were recorded by using a 256-piece orchestra. It is for the first time such an orchestra has been used for a movie in the country. The movie's shooting was held for 150 days. We need one more week to complete the remaining portion," said director Prem.

The director said a huge set was put up on 20 acres of land for the movie. "We plan to release the teaser on August 16. The movie has six songs. We engaged six choreographers for the shooting of six songs. We will release the first song in Hyderabad on August 24," said the director. Prem has also written the script, dialogues, and screenplay for KD. Dhruva Sarja appreciated Prem for his dedication. "I opted to work under Prem's guidance because he works like a teacher and guide during the shoot. I am receiving good feedback on the movie."

On Mother Teresa

PChandrakumar, a well-known director of 150 movies in Tamil, Telugu, and Malayalam, who has won several awards, debuts as a director in Sandalwood with a web series based on the life of Mother Teresa. The web series is being made in Kannada, Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu.

"The web series will cover Mother Teresa's childhood and what happened when she came to India and her service to society. I worked for three years with script writer John Paul on this. Mother Teresa worked as a teacher at Darjeeling and she was mired in some controversies. We have included those controversies in the web series," said Chandrakumar. He said the web series will have 30 episodes and the budget for each episode is Rs 1 crore. "We are looking for young girls to play the young Teresa character. My friends advised me to get a well-known actress but she does not suit the role of young Teresa," he said.

Chandrasekhar, known for bankrolling Malayalam and Hindi movies, is the producer for the web series.

The web series stars Amita Menon, Tanima Menon, and Sapi Kaur. It will be shot at Rome, Bethlehem, Macedonia and many other places.